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SUBJ: TRAVEL OF LPDO SAIC SEDILLO TO MEXICO

REF: DEA WASHDC 11025

1. WE ARE AWARE OF IMPORTANCE OF INFORMATION WHICH SAIC SEDILLO HAS WHICH IS OF INTEREST TO DEA DALLAS INSPECTION OFFICE, AND HOPE THAT SOME MUTUALLY SATISFACTORY ARRANGEMENT CAN BE MADE TO TRANSMIT THAT INFORMATION.

2. OUR PROBLEM HERE IS THAT DEA REPRESENTATIVES HAVE SEVERAL CASES OF IMPORTANCE WITH UNDERWAY OR ABOUT TO MATERIALIZE IN BOLIVIA REQUIRING THEIR PRESENCE. THIS SITUATION IS GREATLY COMPLICATED BY THE FACT THAT THE BOLIVIAN NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT UNIT CHIEF AND HIS SUPERIOR, THE CHIEF OF DNSP, HAVE BEEN FIRED AND ARE DUE TO BE REPLACED THIS WEEK. THEY WILL NEED HELP IN GETTING STARTED AND IT IS VERY MUCH IN OUR INTEREST IN FURTHERING OUR JOINT PROGRAMS TO FURNISH THAT HELP.

3. SAIC SEDILLO HAS RECENTLY BEEN IN MEXICO CITY REVIEWING THE FILES AND REFRESHING HIS MEMORY ON MATTERS OF INTEREST TO DALLAS INSPECTION. ANOTHER TRIP TO MEXICO NOW WOULD NOT ONLY BE A GREAT INCONVENIENCE TO THIS MISSION AND POSSIBLY DO DAMAGE TO OUR RELATIONS WITH THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR ON NARCOTICS MATTERS, BUT WOULD BE REDUNDANT

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FROM THE STANDPOINT OF ASSISTING SEDILLO IN HIS RECOLLECTION

FOR PURPOSES OF TESTIMONY.

4. I REQUEST THEREFORE THAT DALLAS BE ASKED TO SUBMIT QUESTIONS IN WRITING, EITHER BY LETTER OR CABLE, WHICH SEDILLO COULD ANSWER IN FULL IN SAME FASHION. IF WRITTEN COMMUNICATION FOR SOME REASON IS SIMPLY NOT POSSIBLE, I WOULD URGE WASHINGTON OR DALLAS TO SEND SOMEONE TO BOLIVIA TO CONDUCT THE NECESSARY INTERVIEW HERE. IT WOULD NOT COST ANY MORE AND WOULD ONLY REQUIRE AN EXTRA DAY FOR TRAVEL PURPOSES FOR THE INSPECTOR. THE LATTER IS AN INCONVENIENCE TO THE INSPECTOR, OF COURSE, BUT IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES I BELIEVE I AM JUSTIFIED IN MAKING THE REQUEST.

5. PLEASE ADVISE SOONEST AS I DO NOT INTEND TO RELEASE SEDILLO UNLESS THERE IS NO ALTERNATIVE TO HIS TRAVEL TO MEXICO.
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